



## THE FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

### THE ERA OF HIGHEST PRICES EVER KNOWN

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)  
A writer in the October "Current Opinion," who seems to have access to the truth and to have the simple common sense which leads to a common sense explanation of visible facts, declares, unequivocally, that we are entering on "the era of the highest prices ever known."

Already the "cost of living" has about doubled. Flour which used to cost \$4 or \$5 a barrel, is now usually bought by the consumer in 25 or 30 lb. bags and retails, so, at nearly 50 cents a barrel. Sugar used to be 22 pounds for a dollar. It is now 12 pounds for a dollar. "Bread that we used to buy at 5 cents a loaf is now ten cents a loaf. Steak has risen from 12 to 22; veal from 10 to 15; butter and eggs from 30 to 40; chickens, turkeys, and geese from 10 to 22. Where we used to buy crackers by the pound box, we now buy a package one-quarter that size for the same price. Cloth shoes, all textile fabrics have gone up from 20 to 40 per cent. Coal and wood for fuel has gone up in the cities from 50 to 100 per cent. Lumber that used to sell at \$25 a thousand now costs \$60. Masons' and carpenters' wages that used to be \$2 to \$4 a day are now \$4 to \$8 a day. Whether the consumer needs or builds or doubles the house he has to pay double for the roof that shelters him; for the food that nourishes him; and for the fuel which cooks it.

So far as this country is concerned, the causes for this rocketing of prices "are plain and obvious." The writer declares that we are over-supply of gold and shortage of crops; scarcity of men with resultant high wages; and "The Universal Trust" in all food products.

While it may seem strange to some to intimate that the more gold we have the worse off we are, it must not be forgotten that gold is simply a measure of value. For the past few years, gold has been pouring into this country till treasury and bank vaults are piled full with it. \$400,000,000 worth of it in the last nine months, for instance. We, as a nation, have got more gold than we ever had before; more than any other nation ever had before; more than we know what to do with. And gold follows the same law which governs all other commodities. The scarcer it is the more it is worth in other things; the plentier it is, the less it is worth in other things. As none of us would just for itself, but only for those other things, we consequently have to pay more for it—or its equivalent in other things—for the things we need, such as food and fuel and clothes, etc.

Now, add to this over-supply of gold and consequent shortening of its purchasing power, per dollar, the shrinkage which bad weather and other causes have produced in the supply, and you have a double attack on the consumer's pocketbook—one from front and rear, at the same time. He has to pay more, per pound, for his supplies because they are short and less than the demand. At the same time the money which he pays for them is worth less than it used to be, per dollar, because there is more of it than demand calls for.

Wherefore prices of wheat, etc., are going up, and the purchasing power of dollars is going down.

And you have to pay more dollars for less wheat bread.

Next comes in the scarcity of men with resultant high wages for the smaller number left to do the work. This scarcity of men is not only due to the horrible wastage of life on European battle-fields but, in this country, to the almost entire cessation of immigration. Where we used to absorb more than a million new workmen each year, we are now getting less than a hundred thousand, and these of an inferior grade. Therefore wages have come up and will have to go up still more. The cost on the face of things, would seem to promise some sort of equalization between income and outgo, at least in the case of wage-earners. Will mounting wages keep up with the cost of living? I quote again:—

"Only up to the dead line, where the employer can't pay more and do business. The farmers are at the dead line now. They are not expanding operations. They are retrenching. The railroads say they are at the dead line. Thousands of factory owners declare that the minute the abnormal profits of war orders cease they will shut down and scrap their machinery. They cannot pay the wages created by the scarcity of labor."

Lastly comes in what this writer, after careful study of the whole field, deliberately asserts to be not only a fact but the biggest, once-pump of them all in letting prices up, viz., "the universal trust in all food products." Take any hotel table—take your own table, if you live in any city and—here I quote again:—

"You cannot lay your hand on a single article of food which the Trust has not inclosed in an iron fence of manipulation, to keep the producers from reaching the consumer; the city man from reaching the farmer; and the

strike the blow." That isn't just poetry; it's God's truth.  
"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." That isn't just a campaign shibboleth; it's the terse statement of an eternal fact.  
One difference between a baby and

a man is that the baby cries when something hurts it; the man grits his teeth and abolishes the pain-producing cause.  
Are "We, The People" men or are we babies?  
THE FARMER.

## LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

### Tolland County SOUTH COVENTRY

School in Lower Village to Be Reopened as Soon as Teacher is Secured—Wedding—Meeting of Hilltop Home Club.

As a result of the activity of parents and property owners in the lower village, the school in that locality is to be reopened as soon as a teacher is secured. The town school board had decided to close this school in view of its proximity to the center school and convenient means of conveyance. The majority of the parents and property owners, however, objected to this plan and most of the parents kept their children home rather than send them to the Center. Two special meetings were held in order for the residents in the Third district to confer with the school board, and as a result the largely attended meeting Saturday the school will be reopened.

**Harvest Dinner.**  
A harvest dinner was held at the Methodist church Wednesday from 12 until 2 o'clock.

**Hull-Entell Wedding.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hull left for the wedding of their son, John I. Hull, of Schenectady, N. Y., and Miss Laura Entell at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Entell, at Schenectady for a number of years, where the wedding was held.

**Automobile Ride for Children.**  
The children of the Congregational church are to be given a two hour auto ride this afternoon and a supper will be served upon their return to the church. Several automobiles have been loaned for the outing.

**Welcomed Guardsmen.**  
The Epworth league of the Methodist church held a social on Monday evening to welcome the returning members of the U. S. G. G. Miss Julia White spent several days last week at the national dairy show at Springfield.

**Gift from Club.**  
The Hilltop Home club held an open meeting, supper and entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Connor Friday evening. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a gift of the club, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, who now make their home in Glastonbury, are at their old home on the hill for a short time.

**Mr. and Mrs. Engle, who have occupied the Sherman home this summer, have returned to their Hartford home.**

**Mr. Secor, who has been with Mrs. A. E. Peterson during the summer, left Monday for the home of his daughter in New York.**

**The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard, who has been named Nathan Potter Wolfe.**

**Miss Hattie Combs attended the funeral of an aunt in Woodstock this week.**

**Buyers Loneragan Place.**  
Walter A. Washburn has purchased the Loneragan home near St. Mary's church. The house was built about four years ago for Mr. Loneragan.

**Candidates of Both Parties.**  
At the recent republican caucus Martin Clark was nominated for representative and Eugene F. Hutchinson for judge of probate.

**The democratic candidates are William A. Wellwood for representative and George H. Edgerton for judge of probate.**

**Miss Edith Wiley is the guest of Mrs. Hannah Winter Wilson in Pennsylvania for a few weeks.**

**A. G. Rowley and A. E. Peterson and family were among those who spent a day at the dairy show at Springfield.**

**Miss Vivian Stone of Clark's Corners is with Mrs. A. E. Peterson since the departure of Mrs. Secor.**

### COLUMBIA

**Candidates Nominated at Party Caucuses—Twenty-five Hunters Take Out Licenses—Meeting of Equal Franchise League.**

At the republican caucus Friday evening of last week, about 40 voters were present. There were several candidates for representative, and it was not until the ninth ballot that a choice was made and Eugene F. Hutchinson declared the nominee. Justices of the peace were nominated as follows: H. P. Collins, Madison Woodward, and A. L. Lathrop. He went to have a preliminary rally here before election day.

**Democratic Nominees.**  
The democrats held their caucus last Saturday evening. Frank P. Potter was nominated for representative and Raymond E. Clarke, G. H. Champlin and Charles W. Bailey for justices of the peace.

**Lyman's Orchestra furnished music at a "Harvest Supper" entertainment and dance in aid of the County Sunday School convention held at Stafford this week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith went to Crompton Tuesday.**

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**Merrow**  
Local People Visit Dairy and Horse Show at Springfield—Personal Notes.

**Dr. E. R. Dimock and Miss Rose Dimock attended the horse show Tuesday night at the eastern exposition, Springfield, Mass.**

**The missing link in the State road chain connecting Willimantic and Middletown, is said to be between Columbia, Groton and Marlborough.**

**Mr. Hull has been in the capital eight miles in length. It is hoped the chain will be completed soon.**

**Guests from Norwich.**  
Edward Briggs and family of Norwich spent Saturday with Edgar Green.

**Alfred Smith has returned to his home in Boston after a few days spent in Boston.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Hunt of Rutland, Mass., have returned home after a few days spent at Woodstock farm.**

**A number from here attended the moving pictures at Hillsdale hall, Mansfield depot, Tuesday night.**

**Washington County, R. I.**

**USQUEPAUGH**

**Mrs. Hattie Potter and sister, Mrs. Nettie Kelly, of Esopus, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Sarah Franklin.**

**There was a harvest supper at the church here Friday evening.**

**Mrs. Hattie Holgate is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Knight.**

**Bradford Sutton is working for C. Kenyon.**

**Mrs. C. D. Kenyon has been spending a few days with relatives in Providence.**

**Mrs. and Mrs. Joel M. Kenyon of Ponquogue spent Sunday with relatives here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Kenyon of Providence spent over Sunday with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kenyon.**

**Mrs. J. L. Briggs spent part of last week with relatives at West Kingston.**

**Chas. Lovech an daughter and Herbert Lord, all of Providence, were visitors from those who here last week.**

**Oliver Wilson is having a water plant installed in his house.**

**J. S. Lamond has finished work as inspector on State road for the season.**

**Miss Dorothy M. Kenyon of West Kingston spent the week end with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Kenyon.**

**Mr. Coville is working in Providence and goes each day by train.**

**Fred Palmer spent part of this week working for Roy Knowles at Kingston.**

**K. Crandall and Mrs. Ida Madison called on relatives at Westerly Thursday afternoon.**

**Arthur C. Oakes has painted and improved his house.**

### WEEPAUG

**S. M. Gladwin and chauffeur, who have been guests at the Macomber farm for a few days, returned to Hartford Thursday.**

**Mrs. John Wilson of Westerly spent the week end with Mrs. Howard Langworthy.**

**Robert Smithers is having steam heat put in his cottage on Wheat Point, where he intends to spend part of the winter.**

**Mrs. G. T. Collins, who has been spending the past three weeks in Providence, has returned home.**

**S. M. Young and Harry Noyes returned Wednesday from Springfield, Mass., where they have been attending the dairy exhibit.**

**Mrs. Josephine Collins and daughter, where she will spend the winter.**

**Susan have moved to the home of Mrs. Collins' father, W. C. Rathbun, Hattisburgh.**

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**EAST HADDAM**  
Equality League to Meet—Local Motor Party to Springfield Show—Pastor on Vacation.

Miss Ruth Davis of Hartford was a week end guest of her step-sister, Mrs. Arthur Champion.

Rev. Franklin Countryman and family went to North Haddam this week, where he will spend two weeks' vacation. The pulpit at the Congregational church will be occupied during his absence by Rev. Gerhard Wilson. J. H. Lee lost a nice horse from colic a few days ago.

**REJUVENATION OF THE ALASKA NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
Engineering Commission Has a Force of 52 Men at Work.

Seward, Alaska, Oct. 20.—The Alaskan Engineering Commission is now employing a force of five hundred and twenty-five men and sixty-four station men in the rejuvenation of the Alaska Northern Railway, which was purchased by the Government when the selection of the route was announced by the president.

The work consists of rebuilding bridges, improving the high trestles with steel, improving the alignment and some slight reduction in the grades. There will be a small reduction in maximum grades on the 12-mile and 45-mile summits. Many of the fills have been widened, and much material has been added to the Placer River in front of Spencer Glacier, temporary trestles and fills have been made for a distance of over 3,000 feet, which will be replaced next year by a permanent trestle raised ten feet above the present level of the track. New abutment and diversion dams are being constructed so as to control the waters of the river and prevent the river from having been an annual occurrence since the road was constructed.

Seventy-five thousand new ties have been laid and it is estimated that before the work of rejuvenation is finally completed to Mile 71 over two hundred thousand ties will have been laid.

A machine shop has been built at Seward to replace the one which was burned early last year and which is now being repaired and will be ready for use in a few days.

The road is now in operation to Mile 64 from Seward, and a freight train is operated over the line every Sunday and a passenger train on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

It is expected that the line will be opened and in operation to Kern Creek (Mile 71), the end of the track, this month. Kern Creek was a distributing point for that part of the work on Turnagain Arm, which will be done from the Seward end.

Points along the Arm, and considerable increase in traffic is expected as the line is completed to that point.

The work is being prosecuted under the immediate supervision of R. J. Weil, Engineer in Charge. Mr. Weil has also charge of the new construction work along Turnagain Arm between Kern Creek and Glacier Creek, a distance of four miles. This is all expensive rock work, and it is estimated that it will cost approximately \$100,000. There are now several station gangs at work on this portion of the line. It is expected that it will be completed by next spring, when the work along Turnagain Arm will be prosecuted as fast as funds and material will permit.

Altogether contracts have been let to Seward station men aggregating \$150,000 on work between Seward and Glacier Creek and it is estimated that the monthly payroll of the Alaskan Engineering Commission at Seward now amounts to between \$10,000 and \$50,000.

**A BILLION BRICKS.**  
Output Increases in the Hudson River Region.

Greater New York is the leading common brick market in the United States, about a billion brick being used annually. The principal source of this supply is, according to the United States geological survey, department of the interior, the Hudson River region, extending on both sides of the Hudson from New York to Cohoes, including Bergen county, N. J., and within the last few years, the Raritan river district, Middletown, N. J., has sent large quantities of common brick to New York. In 1915 the output of common brick in this region was 960,527,000 brick, valued at \$6,009,065.

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